for Village Improvement may be increased by another Rs. 50,000 with a view to get proper persons.

Mr. Ananthaiya.—A Committee may be appointed to consider this question.

Mr. Krishna Sastry.—A Committee considered this question in 1917.

Revenue Commissioner.—There can be no difference of opinion at all as regards the utility of village artisans. Resumption of *Inams* will be resorted to only in cases where men are not available and people do not want their services.

Dewan.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 21.

Grant of large extent of lands given to individuals.

Messrs. C. Vasudeva Rao and T. B. Malle Gowda, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao—People are put to much inconvenience by the grant of large extents of land near villages for the formation of Large Landed Estates. The inconvenience experienced is so great that the small land holders who cannot compete with the owners of the Large Landed Estates in paying for labour will be obliged to sell their lands. It is therefore highly necessary that the maximum extent of land to be granted for the formation of these landed estates should not exceed 50 acres. It is learnt that Mr. Kent, Coffee Planter in Kadur District, has been given a large extent of land although there is said to be a specific order to the effect that this particular piece of land should not be given to any one. It is also learnt that 500 acres of land are likely to be given away to Messrs. Tata & Sons of Bombay under the Cauvery Reservoir.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—It is very necessary that large extents of land close to villages should not be given to a single person.

Mr. R. Gopalasami Iyer.—In connection with the Large Landed Estates Scheme, it is very necessary that a general principle should be followed. No distinction should be made whether the applicant is a local man or a foreigner, as they will not be able to carry away the lands with them.

Dewan.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 22.

Empowering Deputy Commissioners to dispose of *Darkhasts* for Large Landed Estates.

Mr. Sankarappa, Holalkere Taluk.

Mr. Shankarappa.—According to existing Rules, there is great delay in the disposal of *darkhasts* for Large Landed Estates which are pending in some cases for over 7 years. It is therefore necessary that Deputy Commissioners should be empowered to dispose of such *darkhasts*.

Dewan.—Cannot be done. Delay will be reduced as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 23.

Training of Patels in Survey and Police work etc.

Messrs. H. Manjaiya, Channarayapatna Taluk and Thirumalagiri Gowda, Hassan District Board.

Mr. Manjaiya.—It is very desirable to train the Patels in Survey, Revenue and Police work with a view to make them more efficient.

Dewan.—If there is a sufficient number coming forward for training, facilities may be created.

Mr. Manjaiya.—They will never voluntarily come forward but should be compelled to undergo training.

Mr. A. Ananthayya.—Arrangements may be made that if 20 applicants come forward, a class may be started within 15 days.

Revenue Commissioner.—Government are in favor of affording facilities for training Patels. But most of them are illiterate and cannot be expected to avail themselves of the training.

Dewan.—If a sufficient number of men are willing to join the Mojini Class, Patels may be admitted. If a sufficient number will join for Police &c. training, arrangements will be made to open a class.

SUBJECT No. 24.

Recovery of land revenue in the Malnad.

Mr. Venkatappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Mr. Venkatappa Gowda.—As no crop is harvested in the *Malnad* till about the end of February, arrangements may be made to begin the revenue collection from February instead of from January as at present. In South Canara and other places, the same procedure is followed. The change is very necessary, as people are obliged to borrow money at heavy rates of interest to pay the *Kandayam*.

Mr. Malali Venkatramaiya.—This subject is under consideration from a very long time. The change suggested is very necessary as people are obliged to sell their crop at very low rates to get the money in advance to enable them to pay land revenue.

Mr. A. Ananthaiya.—If the suggestion is accepted, it will also solve the question of lessening the indebtedness of the *Malnad* ryots. If it is not possible to effect the change at all places, at least some Taluks in each district may be tried.

Mr. Malali Venkatramaiya.—This is not a case of experiment at all to give effect to the change only in some taluks. The change should be made applicable for all the *Malnad* parts and also given effect to from this year.

Dewan.—The request will be considered.